

Newsletter – November 2025



Important dates for your diary:

8th December – 12th December – Reports to parents and parent meetings.

10th December – Christmas Dinner

11th December Christmas jumper day

Week beginning 15th December – Gold Eye week

16th December – KS1 Nativity – 9.30am and KS2 Nativity – 13.30

17th December – KS2 Nativity – 9.30am and KS1 Nativity – 13.30

18th December – End of term church service

19th December – Newsletter to parents

19th December – Christmas parties and special visitor.

Monday 5th January – Development day 2 – All sites closed to pupils.

Tuesday 6th January – Start of Spring term – Newport sites.

Headteacher update:

I hope this November newsletter finds you all safe and well. It has been another busy month with lots going on across both sites. There are some important updates within this newsletter so please do take the time to read and digest the information but always do contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Work on School Lane site:

As many of you may have noticed, the sleeper edged path along the main pedestrian walkway has been deteriorating for several months. We were hoping to have had this replaced over the summer however were let down by contractors. It has now got to a point that this is causing a real health and safety issue for all pupils, parents, staff and visitors so we have instructed work to commence as soon as possible. The new gabion cage wall will run the entire length of the path but unfortunately there will be some disruption during the arrival and dismissal of pupils at the School Lane site. The path will be fenced off for the duration of the works so anyone wanting to access the top hall entrance will need to use the zebra crossing and then walk through the car park to the drop off/ collection area.

There will be an increased presence of staff during these times to ensure that everyone is kept safe during these particularly busy times of the day.

Chillerton Update:



The Chillerton team have been working this half term to ensure that we will be ready for our January launch. Our new deputy headteacher, Lianne, has been working hard to get all resources ready for our new Medina House pupils. We have recruited three experienced teachers and are in the process of shortlisting from a very strong field of teaching assistants to join our team and work with at the Chillerton site. Mark has moved over from our Newport site and will be the sites caretaker and we are recruiting for the role of office administrator also.

Our additional three class names will be Reef, Shoal and Lagoon.

MHS Stars and notifications:

Several parents have contacted the school regarding our MHS Stars and that they seem to have received notifications for a different child. This occurs when staff award the whole class a Star for showing great achievement in either Learning, Staying Safe or Being Kind and then personalise the award. We have shown the team how to avoid doing this so it should not happen in the future but reassured that all Stars are being awarded correctly.

Up to date information on Arbor:

Please can all parents ensure that their contact information, including emergency contacts, are updated on Arbor as a matter of urgency. Please contact the office if you need any help with this.

Also, you can make changes to most permissions through the parent portal/ Arbor app so please ensure that these are also up to date and accurate.

Updates on staffing:

There will be some changes to class teams in January, specifically some teachers. This is due to either opportunities presenting themselves at our Chillerton site, Maternity leave arrangements or the need for further support for individual classes.

These will all be communicated directly with parents next week, but rest assured that teams are already starting to prepare handover information to ensure a smooth transition for all.

Website class pages:

There are some final changes being added to the individual class pages of the website. I can only apologise for the delay with this.

As always, if you do have any concerns or questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Best wishes

Chris

Class team update:

As the weather is getting colder, please could all children come into school with,

A warm coat

Hat and gloves

Spare clothing/under and socks

Wellies or a spare pair of shoes, for playground and outdoor learning.

Please could you send in a baby picture of your child into school or email one across ready for their RE lessons.

Seal Class

Our STARS of the month:

Week One: Damon

Week Two: Hailie

Week Three: Lyra-May

Week Four: Oakley

Learning that we have been focusing on this month:

Our new topic this term is 'Worldly Celebrations'. The children have been learning the new Makaton signs in relation to this, which have been sent home. Hope they are practising these. We have been looking at different celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Diwali, as well as tasting foods such as, Curry and Hotdogs. In science, we are exploring lights and sound where the children have all been interacting with different lights in different ways, from using the Dark and light room then to using them in class.

A wonderful time was had by all on our class trip to the cinema. The children all sat wonderfully with their popcorn and sweets, watching the film IF.

Literacy

The children have been working amazing with their phonics and are showing this through their written work and reading. We have been sharing the story 'Mogs Birthday', which the children have loved playing the story out themselves through objects set out in the classroom.



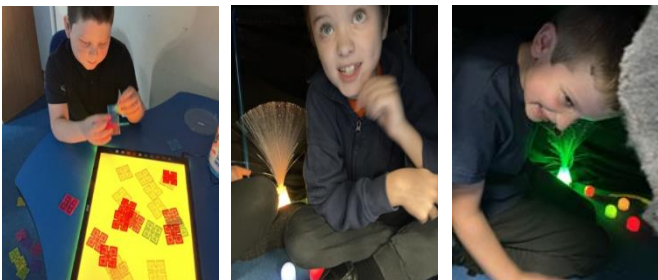
Maths

This term the children have been recapping on their number skills then using these in their addition and subtraction sums. They have started on the use of number lines and number sequencing, One more and one less.



Science

Seals have been looking at natural and artificial lights, and learning about how they help us and how we use them. Exploring artificial night, we have visited the dark and the white room, as well as making our own black out tent in class, where we have been interacting with different lights and style.



PE

Seals have been amazing at showing their balancing skills and using different PE equipment to support them with this. Through our snack time, we have been discussing healthy and unhealthy snack choices.





ICT

Using iPads we have been using 'Garage band' and 'Chrome Music'. The children have been choosing their own instrument then following coloured/lettered notations to play familiar songs. Definitely a Seal class favourite.

Geography

Looking at Famous Festivals, Seals have been taking part in celebrating different festivals around the world, looking at how they are celebrated. They have especially enjoyed Bonfire Night from making their own rockets, to eating hotdogs and breadstick sparklers. We have also looked at Diwali, in which we looked at the colours that are used to celebrate and put them into their Rangoli Art using coloured sand.

